



Joseph M. McKernan

January 3, 1933 - March 2, 2019

Joe McKernan, 86
1933-2019

Joe spent his final days reminiscing and sharing memories with his family and with his humor intact. Joe was born in Elk Park in Jan 3, 1933 to Jim and Irene McKernan. Joe was very proud of his Irish heritage and was a devout Catholic. He was raised on the family dairy known as the "McQueen Dairy" in Elk Park. Joe spent a lifetime in the milk business finally retiring at age 74. He then worked at Lincoln School as a playground attendant for 8 years and was "Papa Joe" to many.

His passion was riding horses and he spent many summers braking horses. He enjoyed competing in horse show, omakosee, and parades. He looked forward to his yearly vacations in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with family and the horses.

Joe graduated from Whitehall High School in 1951. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of 65 years and their 5 children -- Jody (Kevin), David (Robin), Mark, (Jackie), Laura (Danny), Julie (Brad). He was blessed with 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was proud that his latest great-grandson was named after him. He is also survived by two sisters, Irene and Rose and brother-in-law Jim and Mary Ann Rae, Les and Carol Blom and Ron and Nancy Rae.

Comments



“ When I was a kid, Joe delivered milk to our house. We had a little silver box on our back porch! He was never late, no matter the weather! He delivered milk to all of the schools! Then he was our noon hour supervisor! Not once did I ever see him upset about anything! The lunch room was a very loud and busy room! He had a way with kids, that always calmed them down! This town has lost a very good guy!! Definitely a life well lived! Tom Laughlin

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“ My deepest sympathy to Marilyn and all of the McKernan family for your loss. Joe was always so kind to me way back when. I have fond memories of him helping me to ski, ride a horse, and just being so nice when we hung around there as teenagers! Rest in peace.
Rosie Davis Johnson

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“ My sympathy to Marilyn and the McKernan family. Joe was a very special person. I remember his quiet wisdom, his old-fashioned logic, his sense of humor and his ability to add long columns of figures and never make a mistake. He will be missed.

Blessings,
Rose Nyman

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